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Sir/Madam:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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On page 1, before line 2, insert -- 1. Field of the Invention --:

On page 1, before line 4, insert -- 2. Discussion of the Related Art--;

On page 1, before line 17, insert -- Summary Of The Invention --;

On page 2, before line 11, insert -- Brief Description Of The Drawings --;

On page 2, before line 27, insert -Detailed Description --;

On page 5, after line 18, insert the following paragraphs:

--Such alterations, modifications, and improvements are intended to be part of this disclosure, and are intended to be within the spirit and the scope of the present invention. Accordingly, the foregoing description is by way of example only and is not intended to be limiting. The present invention is limited only as defined in the following claims and the equivalents thereto.

What is claimed is: --:

IN THE CLAIMS

- (Amended) An electronic circuit including a planar base, an antenna attached
 on a first surface of the base, and a chip connected to the antenna, characterized in that a
 double faced adhesive is glued on one of the base surfaces, a slot being made in the double
 faced adhesive and the chip being arranged at least partially in this slot.
- (Amended) The electronic circuit of claim 1, wherein the chip is glued on the
 first surface of the base and is connected to the antenna by connection wires, the wires and the
 chip being covered with a drop of resin.
- (Amended) The electronic circuit of claim 1, wherein the etched surface of the chip faces the first surface of the base, and the chip is connected to the antenna by welding beads.
- 4. (Amended) The electronic circuit of claim 1, wherein the etched surface of the chip faces the back of the first surface of the base, the chip is placed in a slot made through the base, and the chip is connected to the antenna by welding beads, the chip being attached to the base by a drop of resin.
- 5. (Amended) The electronic circuit of claim 1, wherein the etched surface of the chip faces the back of the first surface of the base and the chip is connected to the antenna by welding beads located in connection slots going through the base, the chip being attached to the base by a drop of resin.
- (Amended) The electronic circuit of claim 1, wherein the base is made of a flexible sheet.

- 7. (Amended) The electronic circuit of claim 1, wherein the surface of the base which does not receive the double faced adhesive is provided to receive the printing of a pattern, of a text or of a code.
- 8. (Amended) A method of manufacturing the circuit of claim 1, wherein the attachment of the double faced adhesive on the base includes the steps of:

forming a rectangle of double faced adhesive including a slot, gluing the adhesive rectangle on a packaging protective film, ungluing the adhesive rectangle from the protective film, and assembling it on the base.

REMARKS

This is a preliminary amendment in which the claims have been amended to place them in better form before initial examination by the Examiner Favorable action is hereby earnestly solicited.

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AMENDED CLAIMS SHOWING THE AMENDMENTS

- (Amended) An electronic circuit including a planar base [(14)], an antenna [(16)] attached on a first surface of the base, and a chip [(12)] connected to the antenna, characterized in that a double faced adhesive [(20)] is glued on one of the base surfaces, a slot [(21)] being made in the double faced adhesive and the chip being arranged at least partially in this slot.
- (Amended) The electronic circuit of claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the
 chip is glued on the first surface of the base and is connected to the antenna by connection
 wires [(18)], the wires and the chip being covered with a drop of resin [(19, 22)].
- 3. (Amended) The electronic circuit of claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the etched surface of the chip faces the first surface of the base, and the chip is connected to the antenna by welding beads [(26)].
- 4. (Amended) The electronic circuit of claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the etched surface of the chip faces the back of the first surface of the base, the chip is placed in a slot [(21)] made through the base, and the chip is connected to the antenna by welding beads [(26)], the chip being attached to the base by a drop of resin [(22)].
- 5. (Amended) The electronic circuit of claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the etched surface of the chip faces the back of the first surface of the base and the chip is connected to the antenna by welding beads [(26)] located in connection slots [(25)] going through the base [(14)], the chip being attached to the base by a drop of resin [(22)].
- (Amended) The electronic circuit of [any of the preceding claims, characterized in that] claim 1, wherein the base [(14)] is made of a flexible sheet.

- 7. (Amended) The electronic circuit of [any of the preceding claims, characterized in that] <u>claim 1, wherein</u> the surface of the base which does not receive the double faced adhesive is provided to receive the printing of a pattern, of a text or of a code [(38)].
- 8. (Amended) A method of manufacturing the circuit of claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the attachment of the double faced adhesive on the base includes the steps of: forming a rectangle of double faced adhesive [(20)] including a slot [(21)], gluing the adhesive rectangle on a packaging protective film [(24)],

ungluing the adhesive rectangle from the protective film, and assembling it on the base [(14)].

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SELF-ADHESIVE ELECTRONIC CIRCUIT

The present invention relates to the attaching of electronic circuits.

Labels bearing indications readable by a computer peripheral, like a bar code readable by an optical analyzer, have recently appeared. Such a system enables fast identification of a labeled product. For a label to be read, it has to be in front of the analyzer, which implies a handling of the product, the label of which is desired to be read. Finally, the information contained in the bar code cannot be modified.

An electronic label including an antenna connected to a chip enables, by means of an electromagnetic antenna coupled to a computer system, reading and writing information in the chip. It is not necessary to have the electronic label face the antenna for the information exchange to be possible. This type of label has many advantages, since a large amount of immediately rewritable information can be stored therein, without having to handle the object, the label of which is being read. However, conventional electronic devices including a chip generally are too stiff, too thick and too expensive to enable making a robust, inexpensive electronic label of small bulk. Further, attaching the label to the object always is a problem.

The present invention enables producing in a simple way and with a low cost thin flexible self-adhesive electronic labels which are easy to lay, by machine or by hand.

To achieve this object, the present invention provides an electronic circuit including a planar base, an antenna attached on a first surface of the base, a chip connected to the antenna and a double faced adhesive glued on one of the base surfaces, a slot being made in the double faced adhesive and the chip being arranged at least partially in this slot.

According to an embodiment of the present invention, the chip is glued on the first surface of the base and is connected to the antenna by connection wires, the wires and the chip being covered with a drop of resin.

According to an embodiment of the present invention, the etched surface of the chip faces the first surface of the base, and the chip is connected to the antenna by welding beads.

According to an embodiment of the present invention, the etched surface of the chip faces the back of the first surface of the base, the chip is placed in a slot made through the base, and the chip is connected to the antenna by welding beads, the chip being attached to the base by a drop of resin.

According to an embodiment of the present invention, the etched surface of the chip faces the back of the first surface of the base and the chip is connected to the antenna by welding beads located in connection slots going through the base, the chip being attached to the base by a drop of resin.

According to an embodiment of the present invention, the base is formed of a flexible sheet.

According to an embodiment of the present invention, the surface of the base which does not receive the double-faced adhesive is provided to receive the printing of a pattern, of a text or of

The present invention also provides a method of manufacturing an electronic circuit such as mentioned hereabove, which includes the steps of: forming a rectangle of double faced adhesive including a slot, gluing the adhesive rectangle on a packaging protective film, ungluing the adhesive rectangle from the protective film, and assembling it on the base.

The foregoing objects, features and advantages of the present invention will be discussed in detail in the following non-limiting description of specific embodiments in connection with the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Fig. 1 shows a top view of a label according to a first embodiment of the present invention;

Fig. 2 shows a cross-sectional view of the label of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 shows a top view of a label made according to a second embodiment of the present invention:

Fig. 4 shows a cross-sectional view of the label of Fig. 3;

Fig. 5 shows a top view of a label made according to a third embodiment of the present invention:

Fig. 6 shows a cross-sectional view of the label of Fig. 5;

Fig. 7 shows a top view of a label made according to a fourth embodiment of the present invention:

Fig. 8 shows a cross-sectional view of the label of Fig. 7;

Fig. 9 shows a cross-sectional view of a label made according to a fifth embodiment of the present invention;

Fig. 10 shows a method of manufacturing self-adhesive electronic labels according to an embodiment of the present invention; and

Fig. 11 schematically shows a final packaging of labels according to the present invention.

The same references designate same elements in the various drawings. Figs. 1 and 2 show in top view and in cross-section a label 10 according to a first embodiment of the present invention. This label includes a chip 12 attached by a glue layer 13 on a first surface of a base 14. An antenna 16 is also attached to the first surface of base 14. Chip 12 is electronically connected to antenna 16 by connection wires 18. The chip and the wires are caught in a drop of protection resin 19. In the following description, a "double faced adhesive" will designate a segment of a plastic tape conventionally processed to be adhesive on its two surfaces, on a strip of solid glue. A first surface of a double faced adhesive 20 pierced by a slot 21 is glued on the first surface of base 14 to cover the first surface except for the vicinity of resin drop 19, located in slot 21. A strippable sheet 24 covers the second surface of double-faced adhesive 20.

Chip 12 may be glued to the base by means of a glue, epoxy, or other, and connection wires 18 may be attached by a conventional wiring machine. Antenna 16 may be formed on the base in

a known manner by metal deposition followed by an etching. The resin drop can be formed by coating, by casting, or by cloisonné. Base 14 is made of a flexible material of low thickness, for example, a piece of a polyester sheet.

The double faced adhesive is thicker than the resin drop and it forms both the adhesive portion of the self-adhesive label and the protective housing of chip 12. The double-faced adhesive is made in a slightly resilient flexible material so that the self-adhesive label is adapted to being glued on a non-planar surface, and is resistant to vibrations and shocks. The glue coating the double-faced adhesive is a joiner's glue enabling a lasting and reliable bond. Double faced adhesives currently available for sale that may be used, for example, are sold by 3M Company under trade name VHB.

As an example, the thickness of base 14 may be 75 μ m, the thickness of antenna 16 may be 17 μ m, the thickness of glue 13 may be 20 μ m, the thickness of chip 12 may be 180 μ m, the thickness of drop 19 may be 300 μ m, and the thickness of double faced adhesive 20 may be 400 μ m. Thus, according to this embodiment, label 10 has a thickness of approximately 500 μ m. The thickness of double faced adhesive 20 here is much greater than the height of drop 19 so that a variation of the height of the drop upon its forming may be tolerated.

Figs. 3 and 4 show in top view and in cross-section a label 10 according to a second embodiment of the present invention. In this embodiment, connection wires 18 and chip 12 are protected by a resin drop 22 formed by filling slot 21 with resin. The forming of drop 22 here is faster than according to the previous embodiment. Indeed, the methods of forming drop 19 discussed in relation with Figs. 1 and 2 are slow, whereas it is here sufficient to fill slot 21 with resin. In this embodiment, in addition to the previously mentioned functions, slot 21 through the double-faced adhesive is used to limit the spreading of the resin, which can be chosen to be very fluid

Figs. 5 and 6 show in top view and in cross-section a label 10 according to a third embodiment of the present invention. The front surface or etched surface of chip 12, that is, the surface having received the various processings intended for the forming of an integrated circuit in planar technology, is placed against the first surface of support 14 according to a so-called flip-chip assembly mode, to be electrically connected to antenna 16 via welding beads 26. A resin collar 23 is formed on the circumference of the chip to seal chip 12 on base 14. This embodiment requires an assembly by welding beads, which is delicate to implement, but it enables decreasing the thickness of label 10.

As an example, it is assumed that the welding beads have a substantially constant thickness of 20 μm , and that an allowed variation of 10 μm only can be provided for the depth of slot 21. With a thickness of chip 12 of 180 μm , a double-faced adhesive of a 210- μm thickness can be used. If the total thickness of base 14 and of antenna 16 is close to 95 μm , a label 10 with a thickness close to 300 μm only is obtained.

Figs. 7 and 8 show in top view and in cross-section a label 10 according to a fourth embodiment of the present invention. Antenna 16 here is located on the surface of base 14 which is not covered by double faced adhesive 20. Further, base 14 is crossed by a slot 21 which substantially prolongs slot 21 of double-faced adhesive 20. Chip 12 is located in slot 21, with its etched surface facing the back of antenna 16 and being connected to the back of the antenna by welding beads 26. Slot 21, in base 14 and double faced adhesive 20, is filled with a drop of resin 22. This embodiment requires a slot 21 of the base and a connection by welding beads, but it enables decreasing the thickness of label 10.

As an example, if the thickness of the base is 75 μ m, the thickness of the antenna is close to 20 μ m, the thickness of chip 12 is 180 μ m and the thickness of welding beads 26 is approximately 20 μ m, then an adhesive of approximately 135 μ m can be used, to obtain a label 10 of a thickness close to 230 μ m. This thickness is substantially that of a conventional non-electronic self-adhesive label.

Fig. 9 shows in cross-section a label 10 according to a fifth embodiment of the present invention. Antenna 16 is located on the same surface of base 14 as in Figs. 7 and 8. Chip 12 is located in slot 21 of double faced adhesive 20, its etched surface facing the back of antenna 16, and being connected to the back of the antenna by welding beads 26 through connection slots 25 made in base 14.

Fig. 10 illustrates a method of manufacturing self-adhesive labels according to the embodiment described in relation with Figs. 3 and 4. A series of antennas (not shown) has been formed on a mechanically indexed strip 28 intended for being cut into a series of bases. A chip 12 has been glued at the level of each antenna on the indexed strip, which is provided to a laminating machine 30. The machine also receives a double faced adhesive 20 covered with a protective film 24 on both its surfaces. A sensor 32 spots the position of each chip 12 and controls a punch 34 to form, in the double faced adhesive, a slot 21 corresponding to this position. Protective film 24 is removed from a first surface of cut-up double-faced adhesive 20, which is laminated and glued on the indexed strip. Each chip 12 is then connected to the corresponding antenna by connection wires (not shown), after which slot 21 is filled with drops of resin (not shown). After assembly of the labels, the indexed strip is cut to form the labels, each label is magnetically tested and the functional labels are separated from their protective film to be placed on a packaging strip.

An alternative manufacturing method includes using rectangles of double faced adhesive 20 which are precut (separated from one another and comprising slot 21), for example, by the adhesive manufacturer. Double faced adhesive rectangles 20 are then delivered maintained together by a strip of protective film 24, and they are unglued one by one from the protective film, by a machine or by an operator, to be glued to the bases. The labels can then be manufactured according to the embodiment of Figs. 1 and 2. In this case, connections 18 and resin drop 19 of protection of the chip and connections will be formed before gluing the double

faced adhesive on base 14. The electromagnetic testing of each connected chip 12 may also be performed before gluing the double faced adhesive, which implies that a rejected defective component represents a smaller loss. The labels of Figs. 3 to 9 may also be formed according to this alternative.

Fig. 11 shows a packaging strip 36 comprising labels 10, the second surface of which has been covered with a logo or a code 38, ready to be sold.

Of course, the present invention is likely to have various alterations, modifications, and improvements which will readily occur to those skilled in the art. In the embodiment of Figs. 1 and 2, a cavity may for example be formed in the upper half of the thickness of base 14 to receive chip 12, and thus decrease the label thickness and facilitate the forming of drop 19. Further, the surface of the base which is not glued to the double-faced adhesive may be painted or printed or covered with an easily paintable or printable material. Moreover, the preceding descriptions relate to self-adhesive labels, but the present invention may also apply to any self-adhesive electronic circuit, for example, a sensor. In this regard, protection resin 22, which is conventionally opaque, may be replaced in the embodiment of Figs. 7 and 8 with a transparent protection resin if the chip includes light-sensitive circuits such as photo-voltaic or charge coupling circuits. Resin drop 22 may then be lens-shaped for a better reception of the light by the chip.

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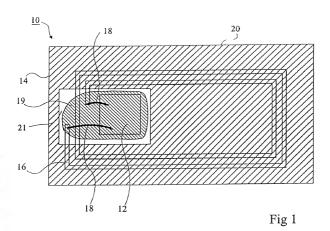
CLAIMS

- 1. An electronic circuit including a planar base (14), an antenna (16) attached on a first surface of the base, and a chip (12) connected to the antenna, characterized in that a double faced adhesive (20) is glued on one of the base surfaces, a slot (21) being made in the double faced adhesive and the chip being arranged at least partially in this slot.
- 2. The electronic circuit of claim 1, characterized in that the chip is glued on the first surface of the base and is connected to the antenna by connection wires (18), the wires and the chip being covered with a drop of resin (19, 22).
- The electronic circuit of claim 1, characterized in that the etched surface of the chip faces the first surface of the base, and the chip is connected to the antenna by welding beads (26).
- 4. The electronic circuit of claim 1, characterized in that the etched surface of the chip faces the back of the first surface of the base, the chip is placed in a slot (21) made through the base, and the chip is connected to the antenna by welding beads (26), the chip being attached to the base by a drop of resin (22).
- 5. The electronic circuit of claim 1, characterized in that the etched surface of the chip faces the back of the first surface of the base and the chip is connected to the antenna by welding beads (26) located in connection slots (25) going through the base (14), the chip being attached to the base by a drop of resin (22).
- The electronic circuit of any of the preceding claims, characterized in that the base
 is made of a flexible sheet.
 - 7. The electronic circuit of any of the preceding claims, characterized in that the surface of the base which does not receive the double faced adhesive is provided to receive the printing of a pattern, of a text or of a code (38).
 - 8. A method of manufacturing the circuit of claim 1, characterized in that the attachment of the double faced adhesive on the base includes the steps of:

forming a rectangle of double faced adhesive (20) including a slot (21),

gluing the adhesive rectangle on a packaging protective film (24),

ungluing the adhesive rectangle from the protective film, and assembling it on the base (14).



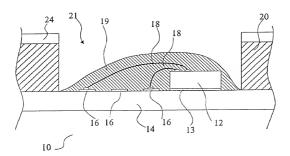


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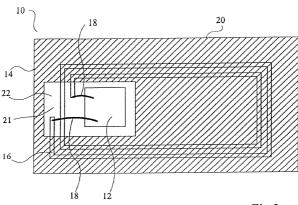


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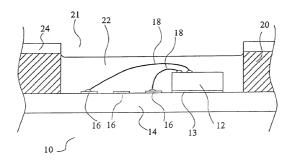
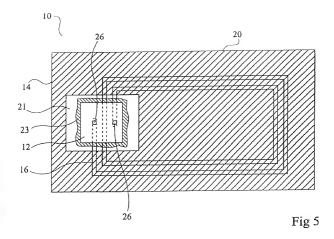


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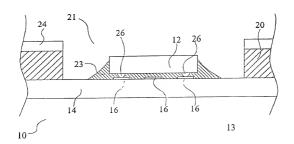


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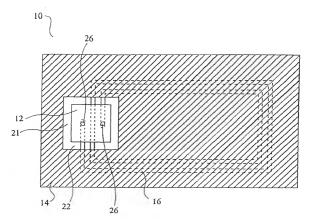


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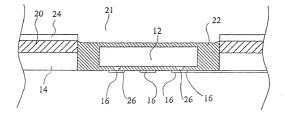
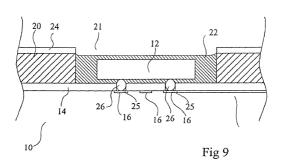


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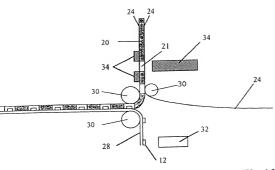


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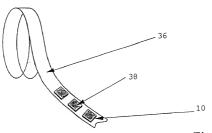


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